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1. On 26 December 1951, [] the Soviet clothing depot at Bernau had [] and was organized into seven sections which were in Warehouse No 7. The installation was used only as storage depot for newly manufactured goods. A second clothing depot at Bernau was used as repair shop. The seven sections of Depot [] were: Section No 1, leather articles; Section No 2, underwear; Section No 3, overcoats and uniforms; Section No 4, bales of cloth; Section 5, sport equipment; Section No 6, articles of winter clothing and ammunition pouches; and Section No 7, mattresses and bed sheets. No gas masks or gas protective equipment was stored at the depot. The guard personnel was quartered in Houses Nos 1 and 5. *

2. The stock at the depot consisted of goods which arrived by rail from firms in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The following shipments were determined:

Name of Plant and Town
in the Soviet Zone of
Germany

Item

VEB Motor, Weissenfels
Pretsch, Weissenfels

Boots for officers and EM
Boots and shoes for officers;
felt boots, hospital shoes and
shoes for women

VEB Schuhfabrik, Schmoelln
Rosswein
Dresden
Zeitz
Chemnitz
Zwickau

Boots for EM
Boots for EM
Belts
Belts
Underwear
Linen. **

3. The depot served units inside the Soviet Zone of Germany and dispatched shipments directly to the U.S.S.R. For example, 15 railroad carloads of ammunition pouches were sent to Kiev several weeks ago. Most of the goods were dispatched by rail, except for small shipments which were picked up by truck. **

4. German workers were employed at the installation. Each section was headed by a Soviet officer who was assisted by a German foreman. Inventory was taken by the Soviet and German depot administration every month.

5. On 6 December, the clothing depot at Bernau was inspected and the work force assembled for a meeting during which their creditable performance was stressed. It was

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also mentioned that naval uniforms would also be produced during the next year. ** The production of naval blouses and trousers was started on 5 January 1952.

6. Shipments are listed below:

Incoming

Date Shipments
11 December 1951 Unidentified

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3 January 1952 Bales of cloth from
Chernitz

11 January 1952 Bundles of hides and 1 railroad car **
bales of leather

Outgoing

11 December 1951 Boxes with articles
of clothing, dispatched
toward Ruednitz

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15 December 1951 Articles of clothing,
predominantly over-
coats, dispatched
toward Ruednitz

17 December 1951 Three trucks with
entrenching tools
and 2, with overcoats,
dispatched toward
Ruednitz

20 December 1951 Finished goods,
dispatched toward
Schwanebeck

28 December 1951 Unidentified, dispatched
toward Schwanebeck

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9 January 1952 Large boxes with naval railroad cars
blouses and trousers,
1,000 ea. per box

10 January 1952 Overcoats and trousers,
dispatched toward Schwanebeck

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17 January 1952 Overcoats, trousers and
skirts, dispatched toward
Schwanebeck

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25X1 * Comment. The information refers to the Main Clothing Depot No I on Weissenseck
strasse. A sketch of the depot was forwarded with a previous report.

25X1 ** Comment. Some of the towns were mentioned in reports on rail movements in
connection with shipments to Bernau. The deliveries to the U.S.S.R. were reported on
previously. The statement in paragraph 5 that naval uniforms would be made is believed
credible. The arrival of one boxcar with hides and leather, see paragraph 6, was
previously reported.

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